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### **BLM HOSTS PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE**

BUTTE (July 7, 2005) – The Bureau of Land Management, Butte Field Office is hosting a public meeting to share information on the proposed Buckner land exchange. The informational meeting is Thursday, July 21 at the Whitehall Middle School Commons, 7-9 pm.

“A number of individuals had concerns and questions about the exchange proposal,” stated BLM Field Manager Rick Hotaling. “The meeting will provide an opportunity to share details of the exchange and answer any questions people may have.”

The proposal is to exchange approximately 400 acres of federal land for the same amount of private land currently owned by Steven Buckner. The area is located approximately seven miles northwest of Whitehall. The exchange would improve recreation opportunities and provide legal access to public land and resources in the area.

For more information on the meeting or exchange, contact Dave Barney at the Butte Field Office, 533-7600.